



PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)
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Hiroshi Sato	) Confirmation No.: 2394
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Application No. 10/571,070	) Group Art Unit: 3673
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Filed: March 8, 2006	) Examiner: G. W. Estremsky
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For: CONNECTED STAPLE	) <b>Mail Stop RCE</b>
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Commissioner for Patents  
Customer Window, **Mail Stop RCE**  
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**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 2, 2008 and Advisory Action dated February 25, 2009, the period for response to which extends through April 2, 2009 with the attached petition for a one-month extension of time, and filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.